

S.89-54

FOR INFORMATION

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

MEMORANDUM

To: Senate

From: L. Salter
Chair, SCAP

Subject: Department of Philosophy -
Curriculum revisions
Reference: SCUS 89-27
SCAP 89-38

Date: November 9, 1989

Acting under delegated authority SCUS approved the curriculum revisions in the Department of Philosophy as set forth in S.89-54.

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To: F.A.C.C.

From: L. Resnick, Chair
Department of Philosophy

Re: Calendar Changes for
1990/91 Calendar

Date: July 6, 1989

A. CHANGE OF PREREQUISITES:

1. **PHIL 203:**

Change: "Prerequisite: Either Phil 100 or 110 or permission of the department"
to "Prerequisite: ~~One of:~~ Phil 100, 150, 151, or permission of the department."

Rationale: Phil 110 has become almost wholly an introductory logic course and does not give the student the preparation for Phil 203 that 150 or 151 does.

2. **PHIL 214:**

Change "Prerequisite: Phil 210 or a suitable background in a related subject"
to: "Phil 210 or other suitable background recommended." (Delete "Prerequisite".)

Rationale: To make prerequisite machine readable. Phil 210 is not strictly required and the list specifying a "suitable background" would be long and clumsy.

3. **PHIL 301:**

Change "Prerequisite: Phil 100 or 110 or permission of the department"
to: "Prerequisite: ~~One of:~~ Phil 100, 150, 151; Phil 203; or permission of the department."

Rationale: Phil 110 has become almost wholly an introductory logic course and does not give the student the preparation for Phil 301 that 150 or 151 does. The inclusion of Phil 203 makes explicit the practice of the department over the last half dozen years.

4. **PHIL 310:**

Change "Prerequisite: Either Phil 210, 214, or a suitable background in a related subject"
to: "Phil 210, 214, or an otherwise suitable background recommended."
(Delete "Prerequisite.")

Rationale: To make prerequisite machine readable. Neither Phil 210 nor 214 is strictly required and the list specifying a "suitable background" would be long and clumsy.

5. **PHIL 314:**

Change "Prerequisite: Either Phil 210, 214, or a suitable background in a related subject"
to: "Phil 210, 214, or an otherwise suitable background recommended."
(Delete "Prerequisite.")

Rationale: To make prerequisite machine readable. Neither Phil 210 nor 214 is strictly required and the list specifying a "suitable background" would be long and clumsy.

6. **PHIL 320:**

Change "Prerequisite: Either Phil 120, 220 recommended, or a suitable background in a related subject"
to: "Prerequisite: ~~Phil 120 or Phil 220~~ or permission of the department."

Rationale: To make prerequisite machine readable, but also to tighten prerequisites to ensure adequate background.

7. **PHIL 321:**

Change "Prerequisite: Phil 120 recommended or a suitable background in a related subject"
to: "Prerequisite: Phil 120 or permission of the department."

Rationale: To make prerequisite machine readable, but also to tighten prerequisites to ensure adequate background.

8. **PHIL 325:**

Change "Prerequisite: Phil 242 or permission of the instructor"
to "Prerequisite: Phil 242 or permission of department."

Rationale: The Instructor often cannot be reached.

9. **PHIL 331:**

Add: "Prerequisites as stated by department at time of offering."

Rationale: Phil 331 is a topics course and its content has ranged from Phil of Mathematics to Theories of Medicine. Specific prerequisites cannot be stated in advance of a specific offering, so we wish to be able to state the prerequisite at the time of offering.

10. **PHIL 340:**

Change "Prerequisite: Some familiarity with epistemology and logic"
to: "Prerequisite: *Phil 100 or 110; Phil 203* ; or permission of the
department."

Rationale: To make prerequisite machine readable.

11. **PHIL 341:**

Add "Prerequisite: Phil 100 and Phil 203, or permission of the
department."

Rationale: To make prerequisite machine readable. At present the
prerequisites are two lower division courses in philosophy. This has
been taken, in practice, to mean Phil 100 and Phil 203.

12. **PHIL 343:**

Add "Prerequisite: Phil 100 and Phil 203, or permission of the
department."

Rationale: To make prerequisite machine readable. At present the
prerequisites are two lower division courses in philosophy. This has
been taken, in practice, to mean Phil 100 and Phil 203.

13. **PHIL 344:**

Add "Prerequisite: Phil 100 and 203, or permission of the
department."

Rationale: To make prerequisite machine readable. At present the
prerequisites are two lower division courses in philosophy. This has
been taken, in practice, to mean Phil 100 and Phil 203.

14. **PHIL 350:**

Add "Prerequisite: Phil 100 or 150, or permission of the
department."

Rationale: To make prerequisite machine readable. At present the
prerequisites are two lower division courses in philosophy. This has
been taken, in practice, to mean at least Phil 100 or Phil 150

15. **PHIL 353:**

Add "Prerequisite: Phil 100 or 151, or permission of the
department."

Rationale: To make prerequisite machine readable. At present the
prerequisites are two lower division courses in philosophy. This has
been taken, in practice, to mean at least Phil 100 or Phil 151.

16. **PHIL 354:**

Add "Prerequisite: Phil 100 or 151, or permission of the department."

Rationale: To make prerequisite machine readable. At present the prerequisites are two lower division courses in philosophy. This has been taken, in practice, to mean at least Phil 100 or Phil 151.

17. **PHIL 355:**

Add "Prerequisite: Phil 100 or 151, or permission of the department."

Rationale: To make prerequisite machine readable. At present the prerequisites are two lower division courses in philosophy. This has been taken, in practice, to mean at least Phil 100 or Phil 151.

18. **PHIL 360:**

Add: "Prerequisite as stated by department at time of offering."

Rationale: Phil 360 is a topics course and its content has ranged from Modal Realism to Theories of Justice. Specific prerequisites cannot be stated in advance of a specific offering, so we wish to be able to state the prerequisite at the time of offering.

19. **PHIL 421:**

Change "Prerequisite: Either Phil 120, 320, 321, or a suitable background in a related subject"
to "Prerequisite: ~~One of~~ Phil 120, 320, or 321"

Rationale: To make prerequisite machine readable, but also to tighten prerequisites to ensure adequate background.

20. **PHIL 435:**

Add "Prerequisite: Two 300-level Philosophy courses or permission of the Department."

Rationale: To make prerequisite machine readable.

21. **PHIL 444:**

Change "Prerequisite: Knowledge of quantification theory or Phil 210 recommended"
to: "Knowledge of quantification theory or Phil 210 recommended."
(Delete "Prerequisite.")

22. **PHIL 453:**

Add "Prerequisite: Two 300-level Philosophy courses or permission of the Department."

Rationale: To make prerequisite machine readable.

23. **PHIL 455:**

Add "Prerequisite: Two 300-level Philosophy courses or permission of the Department."

Rationale: To make prerequisite machine readable.

24. **PHIL 456:**

Change "Prerequisite: Phil 452 recommended"

To "Prerequisite: *Phil 451 or Phil 452* or permission of the department."

Rationale: To make prerequisite machine readable.

25. **PHIL 467:**

Add "Prerequisite: Two 300-level Philosophy courses or permission of the Department."

Rationale: To make prerequisite machine readable.

B: CHANGE OF DESCRIPTION:

1. **PHIL 244:**

Change: An introduction to philosophical issues concerning the nature of science. Topics to be discussed include the distinction between science and pseudoscience, the nature of scientific method, the nature of explanation in the natural and social sciences, the phenomenon of scientific change, the relationship between scientific theory and observation, and the objectivity of social science. (Lecture/Tutorial)
This course is intended for students in the natural and social sciences.

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Rationale: This course is also intended for humanities students.

2. **PHIL 451:**

Change: (Seminar) Prerequisite: At least one of Phil 353, 354, 355. Students who have taken Phil 452 under its former title Kant and the Nineteenth Century may not enrol in Phil 451 for further credit.

To: (Seminar) Prerequisite: At least one of Phil 353, 354, 355.

Rationale: This cumbersome restriction is not required.

3. **PHIL 452:**

Change: An examination of one or more major philosophers from the European tradition, such as Hegel, Nietzsche, Schopenhauer, Comte, Fichte, Schelling, and Kierkegaard. (Seminar) Prerequisite: Phil 451 or permission of the instructor. Students who have taken this course under its previous title Kant and the Nineteenth Century may not enrol in Phil 452 for further credit.

To: An examination of one or more major philosophers from the European tradition, such as Hegel, Nietzsche, Schopenhauer, Comte, Fichte, Schelling, and Kierkegaard. (Seminar) Prerequisite: Phil 451 or permission of the instructor.

Rationale: This cumbersome restriction is not required.

4. **PHIL 456:**

From: A study of the development of philosophical movements such as Phenomenology, Existentialism, Hermeneutics, Structuralism and Kultur philosophy. Readings will be from two or more representative figures such as Husserl, Heidegger, Sartre, Foucault, Derrida and Habermas.

To: A study of the development of philosophical movements such as Phenomenology, Existentialism, Hermeneutics, Structuralism, Deconstruction, and 'Kultur philosophie.' Readings will be from one or more representative figures such as Husserl, Heidegger, Sartre, Foucault, Derrida and Habermas.

Rationale: To reflect the way the course is presently taught.